## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of LEVANDER PATRICK <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Greensboro, NC

Docket No. 99-1954; Submitted on the Record; Issued March 29, 2000

**DECISION** and **ORDER** 

Before DAVID S. GERSON, BRADLEY T. KNOTT, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant had any disability on and after August 23, 1996 causally related to his accepted employment injury, carpal tunnel syndrome of the left hand.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative dated and finalized March 18, 1999 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Board notes that the Office hearing representative related in his decision that appellant was released to return to full-time regular duty effective November 26, 1991. However, the record shows that he was released to full duty effective December 30, 1991. Therefore, the hearing representative's decision is modified to reflect the December 30, 1991 date of return to full duty.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized March 18, 1999 is hereby affirmed, as modified.

Dated, Washington, D.C. March 29, 2000

> David S. Gerson Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member